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In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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Application No.: 10/581,343)	Examiner: Satya B Sastri
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For: PARTICULATE WATER RETAINING)	
MATERIAL FOR CULTIVATING PLANT)	
HAVING WATER ABSORBENT RESIN)	
AS MAIN COMPONENT)	
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FIFTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

A copy of a European Office Action issued on September 22, 2010, in corresponding European Patent Application No. 04 801 670.3, is being submitted herewith. In addition, the European Office Action is being listed in the Form PTO-1449 accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement.

The document "D1" cited in the European Office Action refers to WO 98/49252, which was cited in the First Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 2, 2006.

The information is submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 on May 14, 2010. Since this document is being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee or statement is required.

To assist the Examiner, the document is listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

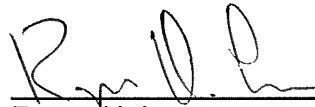
The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

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